



WORLD
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October 1, 2023

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

American Hymn Prelude on NETTLETON

Dr. Terry McRoberts

Martin

CHORAL INTROIT

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Chancel Choir

Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John White

One: We gather to worship together,
ALL: *Different people, different lives, different histories,*
One: Yet all children of the same God,
ALL: *Created lovingly by the Source of all life!*
One: We gather to reconnect with one another,
ALL: *Different people, different lives, different histories,*
One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.
ALL: *Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.*
One: *We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears...*
ALL: *Different people, different lives, different histories,*
One: *Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.*
ALL: *Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (South Africa) Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,
ALL: *God forgive us.*
One: For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,
ALL: *God forgive us.*
One: For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,
ALL: *We ask your mercy.*
One: For our failings in community, our lack of understanding,
ALL: *We ask your mercy.*

One: For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,
ALL: *God forgive us.*

***RESPONSE:** *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51)* HEBREW
*Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Bangladesh)** *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Know that God loves you. From the very beginning, God's loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God loves you like a mother embracing you in her lap; like a father, God watches over you, guiding you each day. On behalf of the Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, I assure you: you are forgiven, forgive others. You are restored, restore others. You are reconciled with God, be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, Joyce Elaine Poole + Callum Wilson Greene (see insert) *Rev. John White*
HYMN: 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (stanza 1)* KINGDOM
*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

MINUTE FOR MISSION: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE *Ann Y. Schmidt*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Rev. John White*

ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me* Scott
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Rev. John White*

SCRIPTURE READING *2 Timothy 1:1-14* *Rev. John White*
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SERMON *Do You Know Who You Are?* *Rev. John White*

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)* Rev. John White
*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

OFFERING

Rev. John White

OFFERTORY

Supplication from Japan

Bitgood

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. John White

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN: 515** *I Come with Joy (verses 1-3)*

DOVE OF PEACE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(See insert)*

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

***HYMN: 515** *I Come with Joy (verses 4-5)*

DOVE OF PEACE

SENDING

*CHARGE

Rev. John White

***BENEDICTION** *(From the Christian Council of Asia)*

Rev. John White

ALL: **God go with you in all that is gentle. Christ go with you in all that is brave.
And the Spirit go with you in all that is free. Go now in peace, to love and serve
our God. Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go with Us, Lord
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Tallis

POSTLUDE

A Joyous Song from Arabia
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Bitgood